

FISCAL NOTE
SB 3422 - HB 3649

March 1, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the state, county, and district health departments to only hire health educators who are certified health education specialists as certified by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$81,200

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Currently, there are 77 contract, county and state Public Health Educator 2 and 3 positions.
- The Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) certification must be renewed every year through a \$55 annual fee.
- Recertification takes place every five years and requires an additional \$55 fee.
- After the initial certification, CHES requires 15 continuing education contact hours (CECH) per year. It is estimated that the cost to maintain 15 CECHs will average \$1,000 per public health educator.
- The annual cost per person is estimated at \$1,055 (\$1,000 + \$55). With 77 public Health Educator positions, the total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$81,235 (\$1,055 x 77).
- The six counties that contract with the State Department of Health will incur a fiscal impact. This is included in the state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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